

Paris. May 9<sup>th</sup> Year 4.

Dear Sir

Your letter did not reach London till after I was  
come out of town, and followed me here. I really  
take it exceedingly ill of you to have forgot my  
crystals, and beg of you to make quick and  
ample atonement for it. I do not now remember  
what particular ones I requested you to procure  
me, but any you bring shall, King like, be  
graciously received, as a testimony of your good  
intentions. — Well! things are going on! Ca ira, is  
growing the song of England, of America, as well as  
of France. Men of every rank are joining in the  
chorus, Stupidity and Guilt have had a long reign,  
and it begins, indeed, to be time for justice and  
common-sense to have their turn. The office  
which you have been lately named to, will I  
hope, afford you means of promoting their cause.  
Every English man I converse with, almost every  
English man I see or hear of, appears to be  
of the Democratic party. M.<sup>r</sup> Davis, High Sheriff  
for Dorsetshire, left this town today, and takes  
with him, it seems, a quantity of tricolor ribbon



to deck his men with the French national cockades,  
and I do not think this example unworthy of  
imitation by those whose principles lead them to  
consider with indifference and contempt, the  
forms of the court party, to whom doubtless  
the mixture of red, white, and blue, is an  
object of horror. I do not tell you news of  
this country, as the English papers inform  
you pretty faithfully of the manner in  
which it goes on. You have understood, I hope,  
that the church is void here, quite unacknowledged  
by the state, and is indeed allowed to exist, only  
till they have leisure to give it the final  
death stroke. M<sup>r</sup> Louis Bourbon is still at  
Paris, and the office of king is not yet abolished,  
but they daily feel the inutilty, or rather  
great inconvenience, of continuing it, and its  
abolition will probably not be long. May other  
nations, at the time of their reforms, be  
wise enough to cast off, at first, & contemptible  
incumbrance. I consider a nation with a king,  
as a man who takes a lion as a guard-dog;  
if he knocks out his teeth, he renders him useless;  
while if he leaves the lion his teeth, the lion  
eats him.

I remain Dear Sir  
Yours very sincerely

James L. Macie.



I beg of you to make my best compliments  
to your Father. — A letter directed  
as follows will reach me

A. Monsieur

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